

## I CLAIM:

1. A positioning assembly for positioning a container on a platform, the container having a corner fitting, said positioning assembly comprising:

5       a first connecting rod having a platform-connecting end that is adapted to be connected to the platform, and a threaded end section that is opposite to said platform-connecting end;

          a second connecting rod having a coupling end  
10 and a threaded end section that is opposite to said coupling end;

          an elongated adjusting member disposed between said first and second connecting rods and having two opposite threaded ends that threadedly and  
15 respectively engage said threaded end sections of said first and second connecting rods so as to permit extension and retraction of said first and second connecting rods relative to said adjusting member;

          a third connecting rod that has a hook-connecting end, and a pivot end opposite to said  
20 hook-connecting end and pivoted to said coupling end of said second connecting rod; and

          a hook member pivoted to said hook-connecting end of said third connecting rod and adapted to be  
25 connected to the corner fitting of the container.

2. The positioning assembly of Claim 1, further comprising a pivot pin, said pivot end of said third

connecting rod being pivoted to said coupling end of  
said second connecting rod through said pivot pin,  
said coupling end of said second connecting rod being  
U-shaped so as to define a recess therein, and being  
5 formed with a first protrusion that protrudes  
therefrom into said recess and that abuts against said  
third connecting rod when said third connecting rod  
is pivoted about said pivot pin in a clockwise  
direction from an extended state, in which said second  
10 and third connecting rods extend along a line and in  
which said first protrusion is disconnected from said  
third connecting rod, to a folded state, in which said  
third connecting rod is angled away from said second  
connecting rod to a predetermined extent.

15 3. The positioning assembly of Claim 2, wherein said  
coupling end of said second connecting rod is formed  
with a shoulder that projects therefrom into said  
recess, said pivot end of said third connecting rod  
being received in said recess and being formed with  
20 a second protrusion that protrudes outwardly  
therefrom and that engages said shoulder when said  
third connecting rod is pivoted about said pivot pin  
in a counterclockwise direction, thereby limiting  
pivoting movement of said third connecting rod in said  
25 counterclockwise direction.

4. The positioning assembly of Claim 3, wherein said  
adjusting member includes a pair of parallel

supporting rods, each of which has two opposite ends,  
each of said threaded ends of said adjusting member  
interconnecting an adjacent pair of said ends of said  
supporting rods, said positioning assembly further  
5 comprising a spring-confining member that is in the  
form of a nut member which threadedly engages said  
threaded end section of said first connecting rod and  
which is formed with two opposite grooves that  
slidingly and fittingly receive said supporting rods,  
10 respectively, said positioning assembly further  
comprising a compression spring that is disposed  
between and that abuts against said spring-confining  
member and an adjacent one of said threaded ends of  
said adjusting member.

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